

BILLS PENDING IN THE 114TH CONGRESS RELATED TO WATER FINANCING

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H.R. 1710	Drought Resilience Investment Act of 2015	Rep. Jerry McNerney (D-CA-9)	2	3/26/15	3/26/15	Referred to the House Committee's on Transportation and Infrastructure and Energy and Commerce	Provides additional financing options for water infrastructure projects carried out in States in which the Governor of the State has issued a state of drought emergency declaration.
H.R. 2028	Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016	Rep. Michael Simpson (R-ID-2)	0	4/24/15	5/21/15	Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 96.	<p>The Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016 provides FY2016 appropriations for the civil works projects of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation and Central Utah Project; the Department of Energy (DOE); and several independent agencies, including the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the Appalachian Regional Commission.</p> <p>The bill increases overall FY2016 Energy and Water Development funding above FY2015 levels and includes increases for both the Army Corps of Engineers and DOE.</p>
H.R. 1705	Clean Water Affordability Act of 2015	Rep. Robert E. Lotta (R-OH-5)	1	3/26/15	3/27/15	Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	This bill is intended to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to assist municipalities and regional sewer authorities that would experience a significant hardship raising the revenue necessary to finance projects and activities for the construction of wastewater treatment works, and for other purposes.
H.R. 499	Sustainable Water Infrastructure Investment Act of 2015	Rep. John J. Duncan, Jr. (R-TN-2)	4	1/22/15	1/22/15	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means	Amends the Internal Revenue Code to exempt from state volume caps tax-exempt facility bonds for sewage and water supply facilities. The bill cites that the current funding plan for municipal clean water is inadequate going into the future, and this measure will help to alleviate a portion of this financial burden.
H.R. 291	Water in the 21st Century Act of 2015	Rep. Grace Napolitano (D-CA-32)	28	1/13/15	3/2/15	Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans	(Companion bill to S. 176). (1) The bill establishes within the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) a WaterSense program to identify, label, and promote water efficient products, buildings, landscapes, facilities, processes, and services. The bill establishes a program to provide financial incentives for consumers to purchase and install products, buildings, landscapes, facilities, processes, and services labeled under the WaterSense program. The EPA would be required to make grants to owners or operators of water systems to address any ongoing or forecasted impact of climate change on a region's water quality or quantity. The Department of the Interior may: 1- provide financial assistance to water projects in specified states, including projects for water recycling, water infrastructure, enhanced energy efficiency, desalination, and water storage and conveyance; and 2 - transfer to nonfederal entities title to any reclamation projects or facility in need of rehabilitation that are authorized before enactment of this Act. (2) The U.S. Geological Survey must establish an open water data system to advance the availability, timely distribution, and widespread use of water data and information for water management, education, research, assessment, and monitoring purposes. (3) This bill reauthorizes through FY2020 the Water Desalination Act of 1996 and water resources research and technology institutes under the Water Resources Research Act of 1984. (4) After receiving a request from a nonfederal sponsor, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers must review the operation of a reservoir and, if appropriate, update the water control manual to incorporate improved weather and runoff forecasting methods. (5) The EPA is required to develop voluntary national drought resilience guidelines relating to preparedness planning and investments for water users and providers. (6) The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service must prepare a salmon drought plan for California.
H.R. 625	Infrastructure 2.0 Act	Rep. John K. Delaney (D-MD-6)	18	1/30/15	2/2/15	Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	<p>Amends the Internal Revenue Code, with respect to the taxation of earnings and profits of a deferred foreign income corporation, to: (1) make such earnings and profit subject to taxation in the last taxable year that ends before the enactment of this Act; (2) reduce the rate of tax on such earnings and profits by allowing an exemption of 75% (equal to a tax of 8.75% of repatriated earnings and profits); and (3) allow such corporations to elect to pay such tax in eight installments.</p> <p>Establishes the American Infrastructure Fund to provide assistance to states, local governments, and other public and private entities for investment in public infrastructure projects.</p>
H.R. 1278	Water Infrastructure Resiliency and Sustainability Act of 2015	Rep Lois Capps (D-CA-24)	0	3/4/15	3/23/15	Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.	(Companion bill to S. 741). Establishes the Water Infrastructure Resiliency and Sustainability Program within the EPA. The Program would make awards to owners or operators of water systems for the purpose of increasing the resiliency or adaptability of the systems to any ongoing or forecasted changes to the hydrologic conditions of a region of the United States. Funds would be exclusively used to assist in the planning, design, construction, implementation, operation or maintenance of a program or project that meets the purposes of increasing the resiliency or adaptability of a water system.

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H.R. 413	Partnership to Build America Act of 2015	Rep. John K. Delaney (D-MD-6)	39	1/20/15	1/21/15	Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials	Establishes the American Infrastructure Fund (AIF) as a wholly-owned government corporation to provide bond guarantees and make loans to state and local governments, non-profit infrastructure providers, private parties, and public-private partnerships for state or local government sponsored transportation, energy, water, communications, or educational facility infrastructure projects (Qualified Infrastructure Projects [QIPs]). Authorizes AIF also to make equity investments in QIPs. Directs the Secretary of the Treasury, acting through the AIF, to issue American Infrastructure Bonds with an aggregate face value of \$50 billion. Requires proceeds from the sale of the bonds to be deposited into the AIF. Amends the Internal Revenue Code to allow U.S. corporations to exclude from gross income qualified cash dividend amounts received during a taxable year from a foreign-controlled corporation equal to the face value of qualified infrastructure bonds the corporation has purchased.
H.R. 1775	Innovative Stormwater Infrastructure Act of 2015	Rep. Donna F. Edwards (D-MD-4)	23	4/14/15	4/15/15	Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment	(Companion to S. 896) This bill intends to establish centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure, and for other purposes. In addition, the bill grants the administrator authority to provide competitive grants to eligible entities to carry out innovative stormwater control infrastructure projects. The bill also calls upon the EPA to promote the implementation of innovative stormwater control infrastructure through permitting, planning, research, technical assistance, and funding guidance.

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S. 176	Water in the 21st Century Act of 2015	Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA)	2	1/13/15	1/13/15	Referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works	<p>This bill establishes within the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) a WaterSense program to identify, label, and promote water efficient products, buildings, landscapes, facilities, processes, and services.</p> <p>This bill establishes a program to provide financial incentives for consumers to purchase and install products, buildings, landscapes, facilities, processes, and services labeled under the WaterSense program.</p> <p>The EPA is required to make grants to owners or operators of water systems to address any ongoing or forecasted impact of climate change on a region's water quality or quantity.</p> <p>The Department of the Interior may: (1) provide financial assistance to water projects in specified states, including projects for water recycling, water infrastructure, enhanced energy efficiency, desalination, and water storage and conveyance; and (2) transfer to nonfederal entities title to any reclamation projects or facility in need of rehabilitation that are authorized before enactment of this Act.</p> <p>The U.S. Geological Survey must establish an open water data system to advance the availability, timely distribution, and widespread use of water data and information for water management, education, research, assessment, and monitoring purposes.</p> <p>This bill reauthorizes through FY2020 the Water Desalination Act of 1996 and water resources research and technology institutes under the Water</p>
S. 384	Water and Agriculture Tax Reform Act of 2015	Sen. Mike Crapo (R-ID)	4	2/5/15	2/5/15	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance	<p>This bill amends the Internal Revenue Code to permit tax-exempt mutual ditch or irrigation companies to earn income from dispositions of certain real property and stock interests without affecting their tax-exempt status. The bill requires that such income be used to pay the costs of operations, maintenance, and capital improvements of such a company.</p>
S. 338	A bill to permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund	Sen. Richard Burr (R-NC)	14	2/2/15	2/3/15	Read the second time and placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 10.	<p>This bill amends the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act to make permanent the authority for the Land and Water Conservation Fund. It requires not less than 1.5% of the annual authorized funding amount of \$10 million, whichever is greater, to be used for projects that secure recreational public access to existing federal public land for hunting, fishing, and other recreational purposes.</p>
S. 653	Water Resources Research Amendments Act of 2015	Sen. Benjamin L. Cardin (D-MD)	1	3/4/15	5/18/15	Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 84.	<p>Amends the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 to: (1) Declare that additional research into alternative approaches for efficiency of water works is needed. (2) Require water research institutions to implement programs that promote innovative ideas regarding water works. (3) Direct the Department of the Interior to report to Congress on research institutes compliance with federal fund-matching requirements. (4) Authorize appropriations for water research institutes through FY 2020.</p>
S. 890	Land and Water Conservation Authorization and Funding Act of 2015	Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA)	19	3/26/15	3/26/15	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources	<p>To amend title 54, United States Code, to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the Land and Water Conservation Fund to maximize the effectiveness of the Fund for future generations, and for other purposes.</p>
S. 133	Klamath Basin Water Recovery and Economic Restoration Act of 2015	Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR)	3	1/8/15	1/8/15	Referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources	<p>To approve and implement the Klamath Basin agreements, to improve natural resource management, support economic development, and sustain agricultural production in the Klamath River Basin.</p>

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S. 741	Water Infrastructure Resiliency and Sustainability Act of 2015	Sen. Benjamin Cardin (D-MD)	2	3/16/15	3/16/15	Referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works	(Companion bill to H.R. 1278). Establishes the Water Infrastructure Resiliency and Sustainability Program within the EPA. The Program would make awards to owners or operators of water systems for the purpose of increasing the resiliency or adaptability of the systems to any ongoing or forecasted changes to the hydrologic conditions of a region of the United States. Funds would be used exclusively to assist in the planning, design, construction, implementation, operation or maintenance of a program or project that meets the purposes of increasing the resiliency or adaptability of a water system.
S. 886	Smart Energy and Water Efficiency Act of 2015	Sen. Tom Udall (D-NM)	0	3/26/15	3/26/15	Referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources	Establishes the Smart Energy and Water Efficiency Pilot Program in the Department of Interior. Under this program, utilities, municipalities, water districts and any other authority that provides water, wastewater, or water reuse services would be eligible for grants that demonstrate novel and innovative technology-based energy efficiency water projects.
S. 896	Innovative Stormwater Infrastructure Act of 2015	Sen. Tom Udall (D-NM)	1	4/13/15	4/13/15	Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works	(Companion to H.R. 1775) This bill intends to establish centers of excellence for innovative stormwater control infrastructure, and for other purposes. In addition, the bill grants the administrator authority to provide competitive grants to eligible entities to carry out innovative stormwater control infrastructure projects. The bill also calls upon the EPA to promote the implementation of innovative stormwater control infrastructure through permitting, planning, research, technical assistance, and funding guidance.
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